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City Employee Earns National Certified Arborist/Municipal Specialist Distinction

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – Jill-Anne Spence, Arborist for the City of Falls Church, recently earned the Certified Arborist/Municipal Specialist distinction from the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA)—a credential earned only by approximately 15 other professionals nationwide.

Spence became the City of Falls Church Arborist in 2000 with a diverse background of experience in horticulture and has consistently provided a positive and lasting environmental impact on the City. She received her most recent distinction of Certified Arborist/Municipal Specialist after passing the exam first offered at the October 2004 Society of Municipal Arboriculture conference held in Denver, CO.

The certification is for professional arborists who are ISA Certified Arborists in good standing and have additional experience in the specialty area of urban trees. The municipal specialists work for cities and states, parks, contractors or consultants. One of the certification objectives is to provide the public and those in government with a means to identify those professionals who have demonstrated, through a professionally developed exam and education program, that they have a thorough knowledge of establishing and maintaining trees in a community.

Founded in 1924, ISA has served the tree care industry for more than 70 years as a scientific and educational organization. ISA is a worldwide professional organization dedicated to fostering a greater appreciation for trees and to promoting research, technology, and the professional practice of arboriculture.

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